

mental and emotional disabilities. Karen has worked with the Summit County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities for more than 25 years and is currently the Senior Director of Medicaid Services. Jon is also an active member with the Summit County Board of Mental Retardation. In the 1970s, Jon led the effort to implement new legislation that gave mentally challenged citizens the right to vote.

Jon's interest in public service began in 1971, when he was elected to serve as Council Member with the Village of Moreland Hills. Since that time, local and national political candidates have sought after Jon's political wisdom and insight. Both Karen and Jon continue to volunteer their time as active members and leaders of many local civic organizations, including many Italian American organizations.

As president of Media, Italia, Inc., Jon has produced and hosted the "Memories from Italy" radio program for more than 25 years. Fifteen years ago, Jon led the effort to organize the first WJCU radio-thon, an event that has raised thousands of dollars for the college radio station every year. Jon's outreach efforts also extend directly to our most vulnerable citizens. He is also the Board Chairman for Alternatives Agency, a community-based correctional facility in Cleveland that has been recognized for its positive impact on individuals making the transition from incarceration to freedom.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Jon and Karen Salerno, for their exceptional commitment, leadership and service focused on uplifting the citizens and culture within our community. Their individual and united efforts within their profession, and their volunteer work on behalf of the Italian American community and our entire community, continues to enhance our society and gives us all hope for a brighter tomorrow. I wish Jon and Karen Salerno, and their grown children, Anthony, Jessica and Anthony's wife, Gina, an abundance of health, happiness and peace today and always.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MS. GAYLE HOLLIDAY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2005

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the achievements of Dr. Gayle Holliday, a constituent of the 5th District of Missouri which I am honored to represent. For over thirty years Gayle has dedicated her life to the Greater Kansas City, MO community, promoting and improving socio-economic conditions, political empowerment and civil rights of people of color.

I recently had the opportunity to pay tribute to Gayle for her extraordinary commitment to community service. During the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 35th Annual Legislative Conference, I had the privilege of nominating Gayle for the Congressional Black Caucus Spouses' Celebration of Leadership Unsung Hero Award. While this award carries no monetary prize, it is no less a testament to her devotion to bettering our area.

Helping her both personally and professionally is her tremendous educational back-

ground. Gayle holds a BA in Political Sciences, a Masters in Public Administration and a Ph.D. in Management and Applied Technology. Professionally, she is the President and owner of G & H Consulting, LLC, which has been in business for over 10 years, helping clients in the public, private and non-profit sector with strategic planning and business plan development. Additionally, under President Clinton, Gayle was selected as one of a small group of individuals to represent the transportation industry on the President's transition team.

Civically, Gayle serves on twelve boards in the Greater Kansas City area, with diverse interests such as issues of healthcare, education and economic development. Gayle has been happily and eagerly ready to help our community amassing more than 70 hours of community service each month. She is also a member of the church I pastor, St. James Methodist Church, and finds time to serve as chair of the Pastor Parish Staff Relations Committee.

Dr. Holliday's work on behalf of others reaches from behind the scenes to the frontlines. In all of her activities, she demonstrates her dedication and commitment to the greater good of others. Her high energy pace translates directly to the results she is able to obtain for the benefit of all in our area. Regardless of whether she is in the trenches or the boardroom, her poise and thoughtfulness is ever present.

Throughout her life, Gayle Holliday has exercised a tireless belief in the principle of putting "other" before "self." But what separates Gayle from those who simply profess to hold a belief but do nothing to promote it, is that she has put her principles to practice, and the effects of her efforts can be felt throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area. That is why it was indeed an honor for me to be able to recognize her during the CBCF's Annual Legislative Conference. It is also why I am doubly honored to be able to recognize her here along with my colleagues, in the U.S. House of Representatives. While it is but a small acknowledgement for all of the work she has done, it is a heart-felt gesture, taking strength from the myriad lives she has touched in our hometown.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to Dr. Gayle Holliday and her commitment to helping others. She is a living testament to the unspoken principle that defines unsung heroes: to be a great leader you must be a great servant.

TRIBUTE TO 2005 NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS WINNER, DR. JOHN HALL

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2005

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to commend Dr. John Hall, winner of the 2005 Nobel Prize in Physics. Dr. Hall is a scientist emeritus in the Quantum Physics division of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and a Fellow at the Joint Institute for Laboratory Astrophysics.

Dr. Hall has been recognized for his contributions to the development of a laser based

precision spectroscopy and optical frequency comb technique. His innovative techniques have made it possible to carry out studies in the stability of the constants of nature over time and to develop extremely accurate clocks and improved GPS technology.

This is the third time a NIST researcher has been awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics, and I am proud to be a strong supporter of that important agency. I applaud Dr. Hall for his outstanding achievements in physics and I wish him continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING SENATOR RAPHAEL J. MUSTO AS HE RECEIVES THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 7, 2005

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to a former colleague and current Pennsylvania State Senator Raphael J. Musto on the occasion of receiving the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Italian American Association of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

Senator Musto has had a distinguished career in public service dating back to 1971 when he was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in a special election to fill the unexpired term of office of his father, the late State Representative James Musto. Senator Musto was subsequently re-elected to four consecutive terms.

In 1980, then-State Representative Musto won a special election to become the Congressman representing the 11th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the United States House of Representatives.

In November, 1982, he was elected to the Senate of Pennsylvania to serve the 14th District. Senator Musto was subsequently re-elected in 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998 and 2002. He served as Senate Democratic Caucus Secretary from 1997 to 2004, a leadership position. Senator Musto also serves as Democratic chairman of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee and chairman of the Energy and Environment Committee of the Council of State Governments' Eastern Regional Conference, which encompasses 11 States, five Canadian provinces, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Senator Musto is a charter member of the Pittston Township Lions Club, a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Italian American Association of Luzerne County, the Sons of Italy, the Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce, King's College Alumni Association and he is a life member of the Pittston Township Volunteer Fire Company.

Senator Musto was honored by both King's College and Wilkes University when the two Wilkes-Barre institutions presented him with honorary doctorates of humanities and humane letters, respectively.

In 2000, he was named Conservation Legislator of the year and he received awards for excellence and distinguished service from the